

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

November 2010 – Week 1

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TITLE: HIGH PLAINS HYSTERIA

NOVEMBER 1957 AND HYSTERIA HITS THE HIGH PLAINS.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

NOVEMBER 2, 1957. LEVELLAND, NEAR AMARILLO. A MONTH AFTER THE SHOCKING LAUNCH OF SPUTNIK, AMERICA IS GRIPPED WITH SPACE FRENZY.

TONIGHT, DRIVING HOME, PEDRO SAUCEDO SEES A HUGE, BLUE OBJECT RISE FROM A FIELD. HIS TRUCK DIES AS THE FLAMING OBJECT ZOOMS OVERHEAD.

AT MIDNIGHT, TECH STUDENT NEWELL WRIGHT GETS OUT TO FIX HIS STALLED TRUCK AND SEES A GLOWING EGG-SHAPED OBJECT SITTING IN THE ROAD BEFORE ZOOMING SKYWARD.

OVER THE NEXT TWO HOURS, DOZENS REPORT SIMILAR SIGHTINGS, INCLUDING THE FIRE MARSHALL AND COUNTY SHERIFF.

THE LEVELLAND INCIDENT IS ONE OF THE LARGEST UFO SIGHTINGS IN HISTORY. INVESTIGATORS FOR THE AIR FORCE BLAMED IT ON -- AN ELECTRICAL STORM.

UFO HYSTERIA GRIPPED THE HIGH PLAINS, 53 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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